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## Good-Bye to a Stormy 2023

By Mick Colageo

The Year 2023, as displayed this week with 49 of our 52 Wanderer covers, saw Mattapoisett residents and the town's water-treatment plant survive an EF-1 tornado that left a spectacular damage path north of I-195.

The short-lived twister uprooted many trees, taking toolsheds (and at least one generator) with them and blocking roads. A hot tub even flew over a shed and landed across the street multiple properties away from its home. One resident told The Wanderer that his cell phone received an emergency signal and in 30 seconds, the forest had landed in his front yard – sideways.

Towns are still collecting from insurance companies on damage to public property.

Speaking of the water-treatment plant, the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission took significant steps toward the 2024-planned installation of a state-of-the-art filtration system in the plant that feeds five MRV member communities.

Concerned about the potential loss of control of the water produced in its own lakes and ponds, officials in member town Rochester took issue with a deed restriction orchestrated by the Buzzards Bay Coalition that the latter says is meant solely to protect water supplies. Rochester water officials have long disagreed with the state's redistribution of its water to the City of New Bedford, with no say in the matter nor compensation due Rochester.

Meantime, Rochester has appointed committees to study feasibility and construction in hopes of making major upgrades to its Fire and Police stations affordable to the town's taxpayers. Two steps taken that are meant to lower costs: Rochester became the first municipality in the state to opt out of the state's Green Communities program and has also opted out of building according to the stretch code.

Upon complaints, Rochester's Plumb Library no longer hosts a Tri-Town Against Racism Little Free

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***On the Cover:** The Year 2023, as shown in 49 of the 52 Wanderer cover photos, documents many events in the Tri-Towns, including the August 8 tornado, various achievements, including the launch of the homemade sailboat Arabella, along with community celebrations throughout the year.*

Library, but word on the street is a new location is being considered by the community-based group.

In Marion, site preparation began for the construction of the new harbor master's headquarters, while design continues in preparation for a new DPW operations center at Benson Brook.

Nitrogen, a threatening word in harbors, became a scary one for Tri-Town homeowners who have apparently, for the time being and because they reside on the mainland side of the Cape Cod Canal, been spared a mandatory upgrade to their home septic systems. Albin Johnson, a founding member of the Marion Board of Health, is pushing to get that town to rescind its bylaw requiring denitrification technology in any new construction.

A second young sailor with local ties who crossed the Atlantic on a solo journey survived an attack of Orca whales in a follow-up sail that had just left Portugal for Greece. Locally, hundreds cheered as Arabella, a 38-foot wooden sailboat built in western Massachusetts, set sail out of Mattapoisett Harbor.

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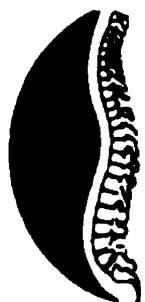
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Among many significant losses, the community will most remember WWII veteran and centurion Howard Tinkham, a cranberry grower whose donations of hundreds of acres of land have been key to the Tri-Towns' water-conservation effort.

Finally, The Wanderer wishes happy 2024 to all retirees from public service in the Tri-Towns, including former Mattapoisett Schools Principal Rose Bowman, Marion Finance Director Judy Mooney and longtime Rochester Select Board member Woody Hartley.

### Gonet to Bring 'Kroks' to ORR Stage

By Mick Colageo

Of all the things Eddie Gonet could have become after graduating with the 2022 class at Old Rochester Regional High School, a Krokodilo was not on anyone's radar.

The Fairhaven native who attended ORR on school choice has always been up for a challenge. In high school, he helped start multiple clubs, survived an attempted coup of his leadership role of the school's DECA chapter that he cofounded, and pressed on in good humor, his effort unrelenting to embrace each adventure and tap its potential.

Now he sings with the Harvard University Krokodiloes, who will perform at ORR on February 3.

"Every show wherever we sing it's spelled a different way," said Gonet. "We do 180 shows throughout the year. The summertime and winter is when we get busiest. ... Basically, how the group works is three months every summer we travel to six continents ... we did 25 countries last summer."

Pronounced *krockahDIHloh*, the singing group at first glance looks like a college version of Straight No Chaser. But it's hard to imagine their professional counterparts working any harder than they do in performing numbers from the "Great American Songbook."

According to the event press release, the Kroks are an internationally renowned group with a 75-year history in front of audiences, including the likes of Julie Andrews, Ella Fitzgerald, Anne Hathaway, Johnny Carson, Bill

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Harvard students do not Zoom to school – all classes are attended in person – so the commitment is enormous. Miraculously, Gonet was able to spend some time at home for the holidays, but on Tuesday he was already off to New York. Perhaps the Kroks will consider adding the juggling act to their repertoire.

“What happens is, the day after graduation ... we fly out and fly in one week before classes start. ... A week before the ORR show, we will be in Alaska,” said Gonet, for whom recruitment is not the chore one would suspect. “Surprisingly, it’s not hard ... there’s quite a lot of interest. We have a great community of alumni and have a fun time. We’ve never struggled to get people to join.”

The cumbersome audition process to join the “Kroks” filters through many people, and practice in between tours is held five nights a week for a couple of hours each week.

“I don’t think people know entirely what they sign up for,” he said. “That’s one of the jokes is no one has a girlfriend, but this year we have quite a few.

## THE PLUMBERS

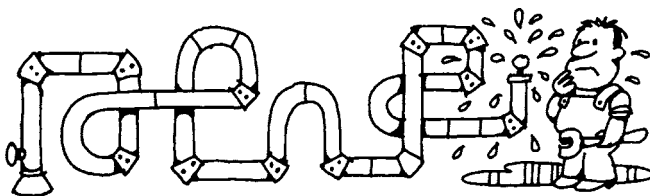
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... Thankfully, my girlfriend is very supportive." A relationship is another adventure for Gonet, whose special someone is a Harvard student from Massachusetts.

"I love balancing it. I find it fun juggling things around," said Gonet, a sophomore studying economics.

Among his professors: a former Russian economist whose job, he said, "was to fix the mess of the Soviet Union." He has also sat in class with Jason Furman, who had served as President Obama's economic advisor. "It's great learning from people who really know their stuff."

With a year and a half of Ivy League college life under his belt, Gonet advises first-year students. As a freshman, he learned the ropes of the Kroks as a singer;

now he is the group's tour manager and plans its travel.

"There are a lot of sacrifices, including a summer internship. We have to give that up to travel, but the opportunities ... are incredible," he said.

Eddie's sister (and ORR student) Emerson Gonet is the point person for tickets to the Kroks' 7:00 pm performance on Saturday, February 3, in the ORRHHS auditorium. There will be a meet and greet after the show in the gym. Concessions will be sold. All profits will benefit the ORR Class of 2025.

For tickets (\$20 for adults and \$10 for students), visit: [gofan.co/event/1293957?schoolId=MA14686&utm\\_source=GoFan&utm\\_medium=qr&utm\\_campaign=HQEventLink](https://gofan.co/event/1293957?schoolId=MA14686&utm_source=GoFan&utm_medium=qr&utm_campaign=HQEventLink). For more information, email [emersongonet@oldrochester.org](mailto:emersongonet@oldrochester.org).

## McIntyre's Emotive Art

*Mattapoisett Free Public Library*

**By Marilou Newell**

The town of Mattapoisett is home to a number of visual artists whose works are truly outstanding. And now the Mattapoisett Free Public Library is exhibiting a retrospective of stunningly emotive quality from the hand and the mind of Chuck McIntyre.

On view now through January 31, the 20-plus paintings capture a vast range of human emotions. The artist is keen to share how his thoughts merge or separate, collide or embrace through the use of fully saturated colors.

One finds the depth of McIntyre's soul. His use of color emphasizes the emotion being depicted along with the Muppet-like faces on some pieces. Scaling the heights of joy or lows of depression, we find McIntyre's compassion for people, especially those who may be conflicted or lonely.

And there are messages: "My paintings tell stories." McIntyre explained that one piece was like shattered glass with each shard a part of his personality, while others are his family portraits, one that includes his grandfather who has since passed away. "That was the last time we were together."

After listening to McIntyre describe his work

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as surreal abstract, we found ourselves drawing a line between this New Englander's style and Frida Kahlo with a dash of Salvador Dali. Regardless of what style it is, McIntyre's painting causes you to stop and take notice.

Take notice of the messages of friendship and love. Take notice of the messages of empowerment, determination,

excitement and happiness. Take notice of self-deprecation, fear, anger, sadness and then ultimately success and joy. Take notice of the human need for expression and, yes, acceptance.

## Big Books, Little Books and Sea Monkeys

*Thoughts on...*

By Dick Morgado

Books are my preferred Christmas gifts, and this year was no different.

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nearly 1,000 pages, which is the size of a concrete block and about the same weight. He should have given me a set of barbells along with it because I had to train until Valentine's Day just to be able to pick it up. I'm kidding, but I am proud to say I have finished about half of it. The type was so small an eagle couldn't have seen it if he were perched on the back of my recliner. I had to purchase a magnifying glass, which was appropriate since the book was about the FBI.

This year he gave me a few more books, also big and heavy. (I really must talk to that young man and remind him just how old and infirm I am.) Had he asked, I would have suggested he give me comic books. The rage these days are graphic novels, but they are still comic books to me. They are much thinner and lighter and have fewer words, mostly drawings, which I can more readily relate to.

They do remind me of the comic books I devoured in my youth. There was a drug store at the corner of Main Street and Route 6 that had a huge magazine section as you came in the back door. I'd sneak in so as not to be noticed and sit there reading all the popular comics until Mr. Lariviere, the owner and pharmacist, spotted me and shooed me away. "Buy one or go home," he'd scold.

Off I'd march down Route 6 until I reached Tinkham's Pharmacy, near the Post Office. It shared the building with a baseball factory, which later became a convenience store and a dry cleaner. The drugstore became the infamous "wind tunnel," the depository of all



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town gossip. There are hair and nail salons there now.

Tinkham's had an even bigger comic book selection than Lariviere's. The magazine racks were by the front window, out of view of the pharmacist, so I could sit there all day perusing the pulp pages of Archie Comics, Superman and Captain America. (I might accidentally glance at the Police Gazette, Hollywood Confidential or Modern Romances.)

The end pages would always have advertisements. One promised you could "create life before your very eyes," just added water and Walla, "Real Sea Monkeys" which were actually brine shrimp. Another was the Charles Atlas ad that proclaimed "97-lb. weakling becomes the world's most perfectly developed man" and



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Alas, comic books took a hit in the late forties and nearly disappeared by the late fifties. Claims that comics corrupted youth, making mush of our minds and turning us all into delinquents spread like wildfire across the country. Town meetings were held, comic books were burned at public rallies. Groups cleaned out drugstore shelves to protect "our youth" from corrupt ideas. Words like indoctrination were bandied about in newspaper editorials.

There were even Senate Hearings held, and a Comic Book Code was adopted, which resulted in a small stamp appearing on all comic books declaring "Approved by the Comic Code Authority." By then I was reading Sports Illustrated, which I had to pay for. Comic books were for kids.

I sure wish I had gotten comic books for Christmas.

*Editor's note: Mattapoisett resident Dick Morgado is an artist and retired newspaper columnist whose musings are, after some years, back in The Wanderer under the subtitle "Thoughts on ...." Morgado's opinions have also appeared for many years in daily newspapers around Boston.*

## All Fall Down

*What Does The Doctor Say?*

**By Dr. Ed Hoffer**

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course of my career, I saw many frail but independent elders fall, breaking a hip, and ending up in nursing homes for the rest of their lives.

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How can you avoid adding to these dismal statistics? There are many things you can and should do!

You can do things to your body. Work on balance. An excellent way to do this is to sign up at the YMCA or your local Senior Center for Tai Chi – an exercise program focused on balance. At home you can do simple exercises on your own, such as standing on one leg – just Google “balance exercises.”

Increase your muscle strength with resistance exercises, including squats. This will both improve your leg strength, which reduces falls, and strengthen your bones, so you are less likely to sustain a fracture if you do fall.

Speaking of bones, do you know your T-score? Women in particular, but older men as well, should be checked for osteoporosis at least once. If your bones are very thin, your fracture risk is higher, and you can discuss options with your doctor for improving this.

Beware of medication! Some medications can make you unsteady either by lowering your blood

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pressure too much or by directly impacting your brain. Sleeping pills and sedatives are a major culprit. A “med review” to look for any that can be stopped should be a regular event with your doctor.

Many simple things can reduce your risk of falls. When going up or down stairs, hold on to the banisters. Have adequate lighting, particularly at the bottom of stairs. If your vision is less than perfect, put bright tape on the last step so you do not miss it.

Be sure that any small rugs have non-skid bottoms or a non-skid pad under them.

Be cautious with ladders. Do not climb any higher than you would feel safe falling. Do use small ladders rather than chairs to get something down from a high shelf; ladders are designed to stay upright when you stand on them, chairs are not. Keep things used often on lower shelves.

Add grab bars to the shower. Closing your eyes to keep soap out of them can make you unsteady.

Both at home and in hotels, have a nightlight to help you safely navigate from bed to bathroom.

Be proactive! Do not be a statistic!

*Dr. Ed Hoffer is the chairman of the Marion Board of Health, a graduate of MIT and Harvard Medical School. He is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard and a Senior Scientist at the Massachusetts General Hospital.*

## River Junction Fixes Paperwork

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

The River Junction, the recently rebuilt tavern that sits at the site of the old Gilda's at 27 Wareham Road (corner of Route 6 and River Road near the Wareham town line), got approval on a state-mandated correction to its alcohol license during a brief, public hearing held by the Marion Select Board on December 29 at the Town House.

“This is an administrative action only and does not change the setup, layout or previous request,” explained Town Administrator Geoff Gorman to the board.

The board approved an application for an Alteration of Premises to an existing, on premises license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, per the request of the state's Alcohol Beverage Control Commission (ABCC.) The information in the original application filed by the owners did not match the other information on the premises, so a public hearing was necessary to correct the documentation.

No comment on the case was forthcoming from the board or the public during the public hearing.

In other actions, the board voted to accept an anonymous, \$150 donation to the Harbormaster Department.

The board approved three Water/Sewer commitments: \$1,322,932.31 (quarterly billing December



19, 2023), \$155 (sewer-reconnection fee December 19, 2023) and \$1,241.60 (final readings December 20, 2023.)

Gorman publicly recognized retiring Finance Director Judy Mooney, whose final day on the job was on December 29, the day of the meeting. New Finance Director Heather O'Brien, whose finance background is in the business world, has spent the last few months working with Mooney to learn the ropes.

The Select Board entered executive session under state law for Purpose 3 for strategy for negotiations with nonunion personnel (the town administrator) and/or to conduct collective-bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and did not return to public session.

The Marion Select Board scheduled its first regular meeting of the new year on Wednesday, January 3 and has also scheduled a special meeting for 12:00 pm on Thursday, January 4. With Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 15, the board has also set its second regular meeting of 2024 on a Wednesday: January 17 at 6:00 pm. Until further notice, the Select Board is meeting in the conference room at the Town House Annex Building (Main Street entry.)

### **Town Meeting Has Busy Warrant**

*Rochester Select Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester's Select Board on Tuesday night



approved a Special Town Meeting warrant with a wider variety of articles than most annual town meetings have.

The first of the 10 articles on the January 22 warrant (7:00 pm at Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street) will accept a law that mandates the town boost the pay of any town employee who is away serving in the military "to receive pay without loss of ordinary remuneration as a public employee" during this service.

Police Chief Robert Small said he has one employee now serving in the National Guard at the United States' southern border. Accepting this provision will allow him to pay that town employee to make up for what money he is losing as a military employee. Finance Committee Chairman Kris Stoltenberg said his board is

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also recommending this article.

Article Two will seek to amend the town's senior tax work-off program by increasing the amount of tax liability that may be abated through a work-off to \$1,500. The previous limit was a \$750 abatement.

Article Three would transfer \$400,000 from the town's Stabilization Fund to "improve various roadways in town." Stoltenberg said the Finance Committee favors the move but would like to know about what the Highway Department will spend the funds on.

Article Four would transfer \$54,380 from Public Safety Facility Feasibility Study funds, as this part of the planning process has been completed, to Public Safety Facility design funding.

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Article Five would transfer \$30,000 from free cash for the cost to hire a temporary employee or a consultant to fill unexpectedly sudden vacant positions. Town Administrator Glenn Cannon explained people have been hired in this fashion to cover vacancies in the treasurer's and town clerk's office through other town funds. The purpose needs its own funding source.

Article Six would transfer \$21,270 from Capital Improvement Funds for a variety of town expenditures, including \$7,000 for Counsel on Aging walkway repairs, \$5,000 for a Council on Aging walk-in cooler and roof and \$3500 to hire a consultant to review and revise Planning Board rules and regulations.

Article Seven will authorize the Select Board to file a Home Rule Petition to allow Fire Chief Scott Weigel to remain in the position past his mandatory retirement age. Weigel turns age 65 in April. Cannon said the chief wishes to stay on to see the completion of the Public Safety Facility project.

Article Eight will change a town bylaw so that the Select Board has greater control over Council on Aging hiring decisions. The bylaw currently reads the COA shall appoint its employees. The change will allow the COA to follow the same hiring procedures and policies as other bylaw employees. Cannon explained that police patrolmen, librarians and the COA workers are the town's only non-bylaw employees.

Article Nine would add one parcel to the town's Smart Growth Overlay District, which covers the Routes 58 and 28 end of town and must be altered because the owner of a liquor store there wishes to move his establishment to land that the overlay district does not yet encompass.

Article Ten would authorize the town to seek legislative approval to grant a liquor store license for that new Smart Growth Overlay District property. Cannon explained the town was granted one more liquor license than the town was allowed for the district. Now that license must be deemed allowable on the additional parcel.

In other action, the board voted not to exercise its right to purchase land being taken out of 61A agricultural land protection at 0 Bishop Road. The property is being planned for a two-lot subdivision.

Cannon announced a Tri-Town Selectmen's meeting will be held at the Mattapoisett Fire Station next Tuesday at 5:30 pm and will begin with a tour of the station.

The next regular meeting of the Rochester Select Board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

## **Trees Okay to Cut Down at Island Wharf**

*Marion Conservation Commission*

**By Mick Colageo**

The Town of Marion Harbormaster Department



will be allowed to remove trees that are interfering with the construction of its new Maritime Center that began in December and is expected to be completed by the end of summer.



"Basically, it was an oversight on our end. We never had any intentions of them staying. Obviously, the building is in that corner of the property," said Marion Harbormaster Adam Murphy, who thanked the commissioners for responding quickly with a site visit to Island Wharf. "It's going to undertake some (complicated) projects at the same time with the seawall coming to fruition in the real, near future."

The Harbormaster filed a Request for Determination of Applicability for the removal of pine/evergreen trees along the northeast corner of the property where the new headquarters will be built.

Conservation Commission members Jeff Doubrava (chairman), Emil Assing (vice chairman), Shaun Walsh and Millie Seeberg (associate) heard from Murphy. The commission needed only three votes so Seeberg's participation was limited to discussion.


Murphy said the groundbreaking of the construction would necessitate the excavation of the entire area. He said there have already been issues with the installation of the perimeter fencing where it runs into trees at the existing bathroom area.

"We're just asking (the commission) to allow us to remove them. We're going to get with the Tree Committee



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and replace trees to their wishes and put them in a location where it's conducive to the site once it comes to fruition," Murphy explained.

Murphy said the construction was set to begin on December 27 (and completed by August) but had begun the week before with the installation of helical piles and the drilling of test holes.

"They didn't meet the specifications that they wanted to, so there's a little delay figuring out if they're going to drive down regular pilings versus (helical holes)," said Murphy, noting that a construction meeting was scheduled for December 28. "So the footing and the elevation is still up in the air how we're going to get it there because they weren't compliant with the helixes and there's 68 of them, I believe."

Murphy said the 68 helicals were supposed to be drilled to 15 feet, and of the six that were drilled, only one went as far as 14-feet deep. The rest, according to Murphy, were deemed noncompliant. Some went in approximately 8 feet and hit ledge.

"The engineers are working on a Plan B, if you will," he said.

According to Walsh and Doubrava, the simultaneous seawall repair will alter the vertical design to a 1-to-1 slope, pulling the top landward and leaving the bottom of the seawall in its present position.

"With everything going on, it's going to be a busy part of town, especially with that recent storm," said

Assing.

Murphy said the water rose 8 inches higher than it had in a prior storm of significance. Both Island Wharf and Silvershell Beach parking lot were under water.

Walsh fashioned his motion to issue the Harbormaster a Negative Boxes 2 and 3 Determination of Applicability in that the work, albeit occurring in an area subject to the protections of the Wetlands Protection Act, will not alter the area. Furthermore, the work is in the buffer zone but will not alter the resource area.

The commission was asked to comment to the Planning Board regarding Sippican LLC, 13 Barnabas Road.

"I believe they're proposing to convert the maintenance shop at Sippican Corp. into a storage site, and this site is definitely within the buffer zone," said Doubrava. "They came before us (with a RDA filing) to take the building down, so certainly they would need a permit for that – my opinion."

The applicant has an order of conditions from the commission to drop the building and leave the concrete slab. The wetlands line, said Doubrava, is approximately 20 feet off the paved parking lot at the site.

The commission discussed Eversource's notification of tree cutting in the right of way from Wareham town line to Point Road where the high-tension power lines run over the Weweantic River that separates Marion from Wareham. There was no permitting necessary with the project.

Doubrava noted from recent inspections he conducted on behalf of the Sippican Lands Trust that the swampy, overgrown land in the area would make a nice walk if it was made passable.

"It'd be really nice if that whole right of way was cleared. You could actually walk it because that gets you through the most barren parts of Marion," he said. "But most of it you can't walk it."

The commission issued two full certificates of compliance to William and Elizabeth Weber for float modification at 21 East Avenue and to Barbara Grainger Trust-1994 for the removal of floats at 33 East Avenue.

A public hearing on the December 27 agenda for a




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RDA filed by Byron and Cynthia Deysher, 44 Lewis Street, was not heard because the application was withdrawn.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, at 7:00 at the Police Station, Route 6.

### **Additional Trap Rock Spurs New Filing**

*Mattapoissett Conservation Commission*

**By Marilou Newell**

What was thought to be a simple, two-lot subdivision at 14 Snow Fields Road returned to the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission on January 2 as a new Notice of Intent filing.

The property in question is owned by Dennis Arsenault, and the latest filing, a Notice of Intent, is for work done beyond the approved limits.

Representing Arsenault was David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. Davignon said that some 700 square feet of trap rock had been added to the edging along an extended driveway. With this change, he explained that the state Department of Environmental Protection would only issue a partial Certificate of Compliance. Davignon asked that an after-the-fact Order of Conditions be issued for the placement of additional trap rock. The commissioners had no issue with the request.

With this in place and in the absence of the commission's decision being appealed, Arsenault can return for a Certificate of Compliance.

In other business, the commission approved a new septic system design for 18 Shore Drive. Evelio Suarez, owner, filed the Request for Determination of Applicability.

New Notice of Intent filings all represented by Davignon were quickly approved. They were: Robert and Carol Hall, 17 High View Avenue, for the construction of a standalone, two-story garage; Arthur Harris Alden III, Aucoot Road, for the construction of a new single-family home; and James and Lisa Tenglin, 124 Aucoot Road, for the construction of a single-family home.

New RDA's also represented by Davignon were John and Tricia O'Reilly, 6 Pearl Street, for driveway

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improvements, and Alexander Bauer, 7 Nashawena Road, for a proposed deck.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30 pm.

### **Marion Stays Course on Nitrogen**

*Marion Board of Health*

**By Mick Colageo**

Having had time to digest Albin Johnson's objections to Marion's septic bylaw requiring an upgrade to denitrification technology in any new construction, Marion Board of Health Chairman Dr. Ed Hoffer had his say when the board met on December 28 at the Town House.

"There is no justification for us narrowing or making our regulations any less rigorous than they are," said Hoffer, referencing reports that show approximately 750 homeowners connected to the town's sewer system and approximately 1,200 residences with septic systems.

Hoffer said he had spent "quite a bit of time on this."

Starting with the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan that Weston & Sampson engineer Kent Nichols provided the town over a series of meetings, culminating in a public hearing last year at the Music Hall, Hoffer took stance opposite to Johnson's.

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the sewerage, but it would be cost-prohibitive to go to the whole town. ... As highlighted by one of our board of (Water/Sewer commissioners), 'six of the 11 needs areas be considered for sewer extension, the remaining candidates for advanced, on-site treatment' ... what we are already doing," said Hoffer.

Having distributed packets to the board with information from Weston & Sampson's study, Hoffer called Nichols' report "a generally accepted engineering project" and cited major septic as 85% the cause of Nitrogen in Marion's harbor.

Hoffer addressed Johnson's question as to why things didn't get better with the sewer extension when, Hoffer contended, that it did improve. He cited information in the Weston & Sampson report that stated that the amount of Nitrogen entering the harbor decreased after the sewer extension project of 2006 and 2007.

Hoffer told the board that he looked at several different areas where Nitrogen comes from, and while a Wareham study said Nitrogen was found on farms and golf courses, it also identified wastewater as the primary source.

"To me there's no question that septic systems are the culprit," said Hoffer. "We are not going to be able to just pretend that (the new bylaw) doesn't work. The state is breathing down our necks, and if anything ... we're going to have to get a little more rigorous in the years to

come – but not until pushed."

Hoffer contended that homeowners with septic systems "have a bargain." He stated that a connection to the town sewer system costs over \$11,000 for a three-bedroom house. Hoffer said his house, which serves two people, costs \$1,750 per year in sewer fees, and he considers his usage "minimal" because the water being used outside the house is coming entirely from wells.

"So people who can pay electric bills and monitoring are getting off a lot easier than people on sewer," he said. "I rest my case. I'm open to rebuttals, but I think that there's no question that Nitrogen's a problem, Nitrogen is mostly from septic systems, and sooner or later we're going to be pushed into everybody who isn't on town sewer is going to have to upgrade."

Johnson believes that the bylaw hinged its report on a faulty narrative regarding Nitrogen around the town's Wastewater Treatment Plant at Benson Brook.

"I'll have to go over this, but my only response at this point in time is the same as the answer Karen Walega gave," said Johnson, recommending the town put off denitrification upgrades until the state makes them mandatory. "One of the reasons I got into this before was watching these groups do their studies. None of these studies are groundwater studies, they're all ... non-point-source, pollution resource studies. All the groundwater studies that we've had done, especially around the sewer-treatment plant, didn't come up with anything."

Hoffer referenced a discussion with Christine Leblanc from East Coast Engineering and noted it would cost the board, including travel, over \$500 to host Leblanc for discussion at a Board of Health meeting. Hoffer reported from his exchange with Leblanc that the four test wells around the station have "absolutely nothing" to do with the septic situation in Marion.

Johnson held to his opinion.

"We're at the tail end of the water table, and it's coming from Rochester, Lakeville, what have you," said Johnson, who argued that one of the reasons the state did not attempt to enforce denitrification septic upgrades as it has on Cape Cod is because "they're pushing a product that sounds good at the top, but they haven't provided

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any backfill as far as maintenance and upkeep and monitoring for this.”

Johnson compared the situation to electric vehicles. “They’re going to take out all the (gas-powered) cars and make you buy an electric car, and you’ve got no place to fill it up,” he said. “The government giveth and the government taketh away.”

Seeing the opposing arguments exhausted, Dr. John Howard spoke.

“It’s two against one. You’re in the minority; you’re in a loyal minority,” he told Johnson.

Howard said he had his Title 5 system pumped out at the cost of \$300 and concluded, “I’m running a sewer-treatment plant at a low cost, let’s put it that way.”

Johnson and Hoffer agreed to continue the situation, but the board emerged from the meat of the discussion with two members in favor of keeping the denitrification bylaw authored by former board member Dot Brown in place.

Brown issued her resignation last year after Hoffer and Howard voted to grant a homeowner a variance from the bylaw based on its upland location.

Johnson is a founding member of the board.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Health is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, at 4:30 pm in the conference room at the Town House annex building accessible from Main Street.

## Year 1 Improvement Plan Approved

*Rochester School Committee*

**By Mick Colageo**

“Think, Learn and Care” was the basis of Rochester Memorial School’s presentation of its School Improvement Plan to the Rochester School Committee at its December 14 public meeting.

Old Rochester Regional Superintendent of Schools Mike Nelson reviewed the process, noting that all four districts were asked to bring forward a one-year, school-improvement plan with the intention that all ORR members will go back to two-year plans in the coming years.

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achieve commonalities in their school-improvement plans. Mission, vision and core values are already in ORR-school policy or core to the district’s historic mission.

Strategic objectives common to all six district schools are broken down into items related to Teaching and Learning, Support Systems, Climate and Culture and Safe Schools.

From there, initiatives for each year-one objective will be categorized according to who’s responsible to see it through, listed and detailed by level-based goals, action steps and anticipated outcomes/evidence. The strategic plan for the district sets the stage for school-improvement plans, said Nelson.

“A lot of hard work has gone into this, and the School Improvement Plan has some elements for local, meaning Rochester, but also as we work to align with the other two school districts as Mr. Nelson was saying,” said Dr. Shari Fedorowicz, ORR’s assistant superintendent of Teaching and Learning.

Nelson was careful to point out that not all strategic objectives start out in Year 1 of the plan; therefore, they are labeled differently if, for instance, they are introduced in the second year of the plan.

Rochester Memorial School Principal Heidi Letendre thanked the members of the School Council that meets twice per month and was instrumental in putting together the RMS School Improvement Plan.

ORR’s literacy program is core to the strategy,

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and all initiatives are tied into district-wide systems and data points, according to Letendre, who is continuing the work of the former Medeiros Minute (named after former principal Derek Medeiros) with a new Monday Minute.

Administration, faculty and staff are using the PowerSchool program to consistently track student incidents.

Regarding the Safe Schools initiative, district administrators and local principals are leading training on physical and cyber-safety training for best practices augmented by drills and training for faculty and staff with local fire and police.

Letendre joined Nelson, Facilities Director Gene Jones and the RMS head custodian for a walk-through of the campus to identify needs.

"Everyone's working really hard, and we have a lot of things happening," said Letendre.

In summarizing the School Improvement Plan, Nelson identified literacy as the priority.

"It has to be at this point," he said. "The majority of our time and our resources and all our professional-development opportunities are all being dedicated to making sure that our literacy program in Year One is being launched to the best of our abilities and then making sure that our data-collection processes are obviously best practices."

Nelson acknowledged that in order to establish this priority, other initiatives have been necessarily deprioritized. Also acknowledging that the needs of children have changed significantly over the past few years, Nelson said the evaluation of support systems including those for special education are critical.

Committee Chairperson Sharon Hartley thanked the administration for its effort.

"You can't meet a goal unless you have a goal; if you know the goal and everybody's doing it and talking about it all the time, making this important is really a big deal, and making it come alive is the biggest deal," she said. "Literacy, from my perspective, it's thrilling, actually, to be where we are. ... And the piece that also popped out for me ... having the students feel like they're part of the school and contribute to the work of the school and

the joy and the success of the school," led Hartley to a question she had about student ambassadors.

Letendre explained that the ambassadors combine their efforts with social workers Jimmy Pacheco and Sharon Cruz, who meet bimonthly with the students to plan school events.

"The students are very excited," said Letendre, who estimated 20 students in the program.

Nelson said ORR District has long been committed to social-emotional learning and the responsive classroom model. He indicated that he would like to see the responsive classroom continue into the high school.

"To me, this is a living, breathing document that we are working on ... so everything in here we're working on to a certain degree, some things more than others," said Letendre, reminding the committee that this is a Year 1 School Improvement Plan only.

Committee member Kate Duggan was enthused about the weekly update feature in the school newsletter and thanked all involved in getting that letter out on a consistent day and time.

The committee voted unanimously to accept the plan.

In her Chairperson's Report, Hartley was thrilled to pass along two experiences of happening upon conversations out in the community positively recognizing the work of the school district.

In the administration report, Nelson noted the student contributions to the Thanksgiving Seniors Dinner and also holiday shows in the schools.

The committee voted to approve the acceptance of Brockton and the Whitman-Hanson Regional school districts as new READS Collaborative member districts effective July 1.

The committee voted to accept the following book donations from RMS Parent Teacher Organization: "Fearless Feline: 30 True Tales of Courageous Cats" by Kimberlie Hamilton; "Witch & Wombat" by Ashley Belote, "Boop!" by Bea Birdsong; "Tumble" by Adriana Hernandez Bergstrom; "Our Day of the Dead Celebration" by Anan Aranda; "Duck on a Tractor" by



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In personnel news, Kaitlyn Laprise began her maternity leave, and Pedro Silva has joined RMS as a long-term substitute in her spot.

The next meeting of the Rochester School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, at 6:30 pm at Rochester Memorial School, and the next meeting of the Joint School Committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, at 6:30 pm at ORR Junior High School media room.



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## Elks Student of the Month

The Elks of Wareham/New Bedford Lodge No. 73 sponsors the Elks Student of the Month and Student of the Year Awards for students enrolled in local area high schools. The criteria used in nominating a student includes a student who excels in scholarship, citizenship, performing arts, fine arts, hobbies, athletics, church, school and community service, industry and farming.

We congratulate **Jacob Newton** of Mattapoisett for being selected as Student of the Month for December by the Old Rochester Regional High School Faculty and Staff.

Jake is a senior on the Unified Basketball team and exemplifies the Unified Sports mission of "meaningful inclusion." He is a rebounding machine and creates countless opportunities for his teammates to score. Jake is a positive role model for his teammates and always has a smile on his face. If not on the court, Jake is cheering on the sidelines and high fiving his teammates. He is an outstanding example of what it means to be a Bulldog.



## Marion Fire Department Recognizes Eversource Employee

Fire Chief Brian Jackvony and Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman wish to recognize a local Eversource Energy employee who alerted first responders to a carbon monoxide incident on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

Following a rain and windstorm that caused widespread damage and power outages in eastern Massachusetts, Eversource employee Ed Gonet was working as a damage assessor when he noticed a generator running at a Front Street home that had power.

Gonet smelled fumes and saw a cord running into the home through an open door. Feeling that something wasn't right, he called 911.

Marion firefighters arrived at 9:21 pm and found the occupant was sleeping upstairs. Firefighters measured low levels of carbon monoxide inside the home and determined there was a potential for levels to rise during the night. The generator was shut down and windows and doors were opened to vent the home.

The resident was evaluated at the scene and

declined transport to an area hospital.

"We are thankful that Mr. Gonet was in the right place at the right time this week and reacted quickly when he felt something wasn't right," Chief Jackvony said. "His actions ensured we could respond to and resolve a carbon monoxide incident before it became a tragedy."

Added Town Administrator Gorman, "We are grateful for our partnership with Eversource Energy and thank all of their team members, including Mr. Gonet, who work diligently during weather events to evaluate outages and ensure power is restored for our residents quickly and safely."

Community members are reminded that a generator should always be placed outdoors facing away from doors, windows and vents. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and learn how to use a generator safely before an outage. Carbon monoxide alarms should also be installed on every level of the home and tested regularly. If a CO alarm goes off or you suspect CO exposure, get out of the house to get fresh air and immediately call 911.

### Native American Archaeological Sites

On Friday, **February 9** from 6:30 to 7:30, the Marion Natural History Museum will be hosting a presentation on "Native American archaeological sites in and around Marion." Principal investigator Erin Flynn of The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc. will be discussing some of the local Native American sites they've been studying and reviewing a few articles from the museum's collections. Please RSVP on the museum's website: [www.marionmuseum.org/login](http://www.marionmuseum.org/login). A \$10 donation to the museum will be much appreciated.

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There is plenty of parking for this free, drop-by event. Come by with the family and make a fun winter craft to take home with you. Check Mattapoissett social media for any event updates.

### Tracks and Traces with MassAudubon and MLT

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partnered up to run a fun family hike this winter, Tracks and Traces. Join us for a hike on Saturday **January 13** in the Old Aucoot District where we will be searching for signs of wildlife. We will learn about animal tracks and other clues that help us to identify wildlife.

The hike will go from 10:00-11:00 am, beginning from the Mattapoissett Land Trust trailhead at the Prospect Road parking lot (between 29 and 33 Prospect Rd.) All folks are welcome - this is a family-friendly program.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear sturdy shoes that don't mind some mud. This hike is free but registration is required beforehand on MassAudubon's website; search the date 'January 13th' on [www.massaudubon.org/programs](http://www.massaudubon.org/programs).

### Additional Municipal Funding For Roads, Bridges

Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoissett), House co-chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation, is pleased to announce that MassDOT will distribute \$100 million in additional funding generated by the Fair Share Amendment to the Commonwealth's cities and towns for road and bridge improvements. This latest round of funding is in addition to the annual Chapter 90 appropriation for municipalities authorized by the Legislature earlier in 2023.

Local towns may expect to receive the following in additional funds for the current fiscal year: Acushnet \$177,362; Fairhaven \$263,332; Marion \$89,779; Mattapoissett \$128,813; New Bedford \$957,708; Rochester \$190,108. The \$100 million distribution uses a two-prong formula, with the first \$50 million awarded using the traditional Chapter 90 formula, and the remaining \$50 million awarded based on each municipality's share of road mileage. By using the pure road mileage calculation, instead of the usual chapter 90 formula, the local towns are actually seeing an increase in funding from what they otherwise would have received.

Towns will not need to take additional action as the apportionment will be automatically incorporated into their existing Chapter 90 contracts.

"This is an important first step, and I welcome these additional funds for road and bridge improvements," said Rep. Straus. "Our towns have

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long advocated for additional state support to meet the increasing challenges they face maintaining their aging infrastructure, and the Legislature continues to work on providing even more funding for our communities, particularly the rural ones."

### Mattapoisett Republican Party Meeting

The Mattapoisett Republican Party invites everyone interested to join us on Thursday, **January 18** from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett. Doors open at 6 pm and guest speaker at 6:30 pm. To start the 2024 election year off strong, you do not want to miss this month's guest

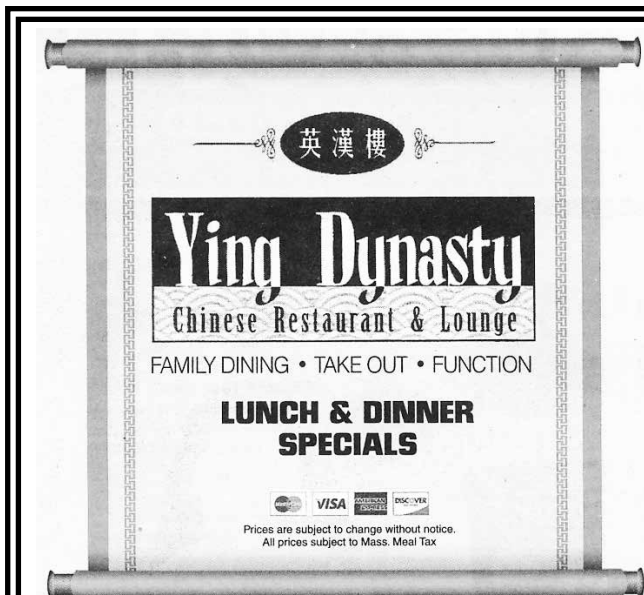


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Thursday January 4, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Cape Conversations  
8:30 AM You and Your Health  
9:00 AM A Conversation With...  
9:30 AM Pete on the Street  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education  
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
11:30 AM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Dana Debarros and Rhonda Pina Mendes  
3:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Black Bear Ecology  
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
7:30 PM This is America & The World  
8:00 PM Money Matters TV  
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church  
9:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Blue October  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday January 5, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Bulldog Sports Show  
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities  
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
11:00 AM Cape Conversations  
11:30 AM A Conversation With...  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment

1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
2:30 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town  
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
3:30 PM This is America and the World  
4:00 PM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz  
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Christmas Concert  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Sippican Choral Society - Christmas Concert  
8:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Celebrating the Archive with Leslie Thayer Piper  
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday January 6, 2024

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival  
9:00 AM Health Source  
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM A Conversation With...  
11:00 AM Auto Sense  
11:30 AM Science 360  
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie  
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Jonathan Howland and Mary Howland-Smoey  
2:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
3:00 PM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz  
3:30 PM South Coast Matters  
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Black Bear Ecology  
5:00 PM ORR Volleyball vs Dennis Yarmouth  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town  
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone  
8:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
9:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Celebrating the Archive with Leslie Thayer Piper  
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes  
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business  
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday January 7, 2024

6:00 AM Health Source  
6:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good

Shape  
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church  
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion  
11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication  
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV  
11:50 AM Christmas in the Tri-Town  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
1:30 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town  
2:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider  
2:30 PM Marion Veterans Day Ceremony  
3:00 PM Bulldog Sports Show  
3:30 PM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz  
4:00 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers  
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
5:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Historical Maps of Rochester  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
8:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Conflict Zone  
9:00 PM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
9:30 PM Jazz Jam at the Marion Arts Center  
11:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday January 8, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM For Your Health  
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:00 AM A Conversation With...  
10:30 AM Cape Conversations  
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM In the Toy Box  
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
4:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Black Bear Ecology  
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:00 PM Marion Art Center - The Importance of Being Earnest  
8:40 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
9:10 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

2:00 PM Southcoast Matters  
2:30 PM The Collective Chat  
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
4:30 PM Jazz Jam at the Marion Art Center  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Christmas Concert  
7:30 PM Marion Veterans Day Ceremony  
8:00 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town  
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
9:30 PM Building the Future  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday January 9, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
9:30 AM The Collective Chat  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe  
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
11:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning  
11:30 AM In the Toy Box  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
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2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
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3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000  
4:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Black Bear Ecology  
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:00 PM Marion Art Center - The Importance of Being Earnest  
8:40 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
9:10 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday January 10, 2024

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

8:30 AM For Your Health  
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show  
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
12:20 PM Christmas in the Tri-Town  
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
2:00 PM Pine Meadow Alpaca Farms Animal Education  
2:10 PM Mattapoisett Harbor Days  
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday  
3:00 PM A Conversation With...  
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard  
4:00 PM Patrocast with Darren Paltowitz  
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Christmas Concert  
5:30 PM Building the Future  
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV  
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show  
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business  
7:30 PM Sippican Choral Society - Christmas Concert  
9:00 PM ORR Football vs Attleboro  
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

## MARION

### GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 26

### Verizon Channel 39

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
7:30 AM Marion Planning Board  
9:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission  
11:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
12:00 PM Marion School Committee  
1:00 PM Marion Finance Committee  
2:00 PM Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission  
2:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust  
3:30 PM Marion Board of Health  
4:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission  
4:30 PM ORR School Committee  
6:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
8:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen  
8:30 PM Marion Planning Board  
10:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission

## ROCHESTER

### GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 26

### Verizon Channel 40

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
7:30 AM Rochester Planning Board  
9:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
10:00 AM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
10:30 AM Rochester School Committee  
11:30 AM ORR School Committee  
1:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
3:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
3:30 PM Rochester Planning Board  
5:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
6:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
6:30 PM Rochester School Committee  
7:30 PM ORR School Committee  
9:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee  
11:00 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen  
11:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission

## EDUCATION CHANNEL

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### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
7:30 AM Bulldog Sports Show  
8:00 AM ORR School Committee  
9:30 AM Sippican Jr. Reporters  
10:30 AM Center School Tribute  
11:30 AM OC National Honor Society  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
12:30 PM Bulldog Sports Show  
1:00 PM ORR/JHS Winter Concert  
2:00 PM ORR Music Department Tribute  
3:00 PM Cable History of Old Colony  
4:00 PM ORR Unified Basketball vs Fairhaven  
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
6:30 PM Bulldog Sports Show  
7:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Bourne  
8:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs Somerset-Berkley  
10:30 PM ORR Field Hockey vs Somerset-Berkley  
11:00 PM ORR Football vs Dartmouth

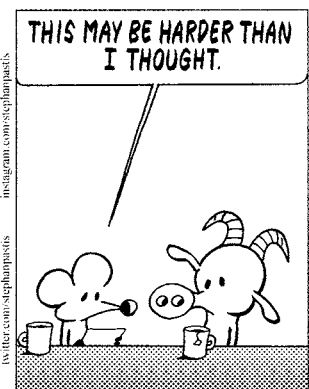
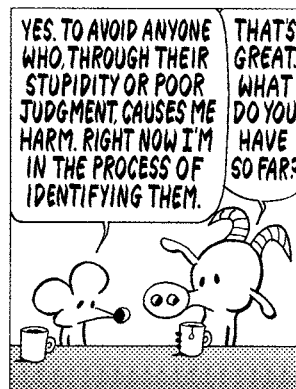
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Other topics for discussion: Local initiatives, Upcoming events, Sharing ideas with like-minded neighbors, and Support of candidates in future elections.

If interested, please attend or contact Paul Criscuolo, Chairperson, Mattapoissett Republican Town



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### Sippican Choral

Come Sing with Sippican Choral This Spring. Rehearsals for our Spring 2024 concert will begin on Monday, **January 8**, at 7:00 pm, at Wickenden Chapel, 86 Spring Street, Marion. Please note new, earlier start time. Doors open at 6:30 pm, so come early to register and pick up your music envelope. Are you unsure about being able to sing with us? Come anyway! Try us out for two weeks, then decide. Dues of \$40.00 are due by the third rehearsal for all singers.

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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



The annual Keep on Plungin' New Year's Day swim drew well over 100 participants to Mattapoisett Town Beach, continuing a tradition started in 2013 by Will and Michelle Huggins to help families facing expenses related to cancer care. In the last two years, the community-driven effort has benefitted three families and Dana Farber with a \$1,000 donation in Huggins' honor. This year, organizers anticipate supporting at least two more families with checks for \$2,000. Photos by Mick Colageo



Family, friends, teachers, coaches, classmates and community members gathered to walk a mile in remembrance and celebration of Dana Dourdeville's life on New Year's Eve, the 10th anniversary of his passing. They honored the valedictorian, all-star track athlete and beloved member of the Tri-Town community with a moment of silence and by tying colored ribbons on a tree in his memorial garden at the track at Old Rochester Regional High School, also recognizing and celebrating his kindness and humility above all. Photo courtesy Bodil Perkins



These photos and more are available online at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)



will be French composer Gabriel Fauré's Requiem in D Minor, a prayerful lament for the dead, noted for its serene and peaceful outlook – and its sublimely beautiful music. Full program details will be posted on our website at [sippicanchoralsociety.org](http://sippicanchoralsociety.org) in mid-January.

### Quahog Book Award Returns

On Tuesday, **January 9**, the much-anticipated Quahog Book Award is back at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, inviting students in grades 3 to 6 to embark on a literary adventure. This annual award aims to cultivate a love for quality literature among youth by empowering them to choose their favorite book from curated lists consisting of five nominated titles.

Students interested in participating are welcome to register by visiting the children's room of the library between now and **March 3**. During the course of the program, the library will host a range of events specifically for Quahog readers, offer weekly beads, opportunities to participate in raffles and, of course, provide the delight of delving into exceptional books. To celebrate, a pizza party will be held at the end of the program. This festive gathering will serve as the platform for announcing the winning books and applauding the readers for their enthusiasm and dedication.

Students from Mattapoisett and all surrounding communities are welcome to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Skaar at [mskaar@sailsinc.org](mailto:mskaar@sailsinc.org) or by calling the library. You can find more information about the Quahog Book Award on our website, [MattapoisettLibrary.org](http://MattapoisettLibrary.org).

### Book (re)Marks: What's up this Month at Plumb?

Happy New Year everyone. Book (re)Marks is back for 2024, offering up all the info you need about books, what's happening at the Library and more.

Since it's a new year, we'd like to remind you of all the things happening at the Library that you can participate in.

Let's start with book clubs. The COA Book Club will be meeting at 1 pm, Tuesday **January 16** to discuss

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# MOVIE REVIEW

## Wild Thing

By Rob Gonsalves  
[www.robsmovievault.com](http://www.robsmovievault.com)

**Poor Things.** Starring Emma Stone and Willem Dafoe. Directed by Yorgos Lanthimos. Running time: 141 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.

It won't do to take *Poor Things* literally. This, after all, is a movie in which a pregnant woman jumps off a bridge and is brought back to life, with the brain of her still-living child implanted in her own skull. The result is Bella Baxter (Emma Stone), who seems built to violate the Victorian mores of her society. We witness Bella, with her infant brain in a full-grown woman's body, evolve from an innocent who spits out hated food and speaks in broken syntax to a wiser woman who reads up on socialism but still refers to the sex act as "furious jumping."

The movie, directed by Yorgos Lanthimos (*The Favourite*) and based on a 1992 novel by Alasdair Gray, is partly a riff on Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* and partly a charcuterie board full of bits from other works of dark science fantasy, with frequent visits from weird cinema down through the ages. I loved it, though possibly would have loved *less* of it; at two hours and twenty-one minutes, *Poor Things* starts to circle and belabor its point. Some won't mind; others won't get past the first half hour. Not a horror movie itself, it's best appreciated by horror fans with long memories and patience. Its visual imagination is richly capacious, it has an uncompromising vibe of pure cinema, and when you see it a second time — and you may want to — you'll at least know at which points to hit the bathroom.

Stone gives a hungry, open-souled performance illustrated by I lost count of how many sex scenes; she will be and has been praised for her bravery in the second aspect, but the meat of her work resides in the first, as Bella's brain grows and her responses to stimuli and to life — at some points in her journey, there's little difference — gain more subtlety and less babyish affect. Stone helps put across the story as a fable about growth in a barren garden of a society. We're not meant, from our privileged perch as 21st-century people, to take Bella's arc as a Victorian



woman as commentary on feminism or anything else. Victorian London is just the most diabolically fun setting for this tale and its central figure, a prickly and proudly ungovernable agent of chaos.

A lot of the film, with its mad-lab gore and copious sex and nudity (if *this* got through with an R rating, what gets an NC-17 these days?), is like a Hammer horror from the '60s seen through a fever-dream lens (literally a fisheye lens at times, as well as a bokeh blurring effect). Cinematographer Robbie Ryan and production designers Shona Heath and James Price can take deep bows. And Lanthimos doesn't forget about the supporting cast, including a waffle-scarred Willem Dafoe as Bella's creator (who burps bubbles when eating) and a whiny Mark Ruffalo as one of the (male) fools who try to trap Bella's spirit. *Poor Things* has a paltry-for-the-2020s \$35 million budget but manages to look like a big Hollywood saga, only seen through a funhouse mirror.

*Poor Things* is essentially a comedy. We never fear for Bella even when things look bleak and Jerskin Fendrix's ominous score becomes, according to the editorializing subtitles, "perplexing." With its concerns with dark scientific inquiry and female consciousness coming into its own, it's the true Barbenheimer this year. It arrives just in time to give me happy optimism about the future of cinema as a delivery system for idiosyncratic visions. It may not make studio accountants giddy, and might even be too stubbornly strange for the Academy, but it'll take its place among the iconic works in dark-fantasy history. But this sort of unstable experiment comes with a mild warning: I loved it, but some of it I didn't like. If that makes sense.

"What Happened to the Bennetts" by Lisa Scottoline. This suspenseful page-turner will keep you guessing right to the end. Books & Babble Book club will be discussing "The Book of Hope: a Survival Guide for Trying Times" by Jane Goodall at 6:30 pm, Thursday **January 25**. This is the first book under our 2024 theme: It's Wild Out There.: Animals and Nature. Books for both clubs are available for pickup at the Library.

Do you like to knit, crochet, or cross-stitch? If so, join us on Monday nights from 6 to 8 pm for a social gathering of handcrafters. Bring your latest project, something from the stash, or a problem pattern to work out.

Baby, Toddler, and Preschool Story times return this month for a combined Winter/Spring session running from January 16 thru March 29, except for the week of February school vacation. All sessions are currently full; please contact Ms. Lisa for waitlist information. Email: [lfuller@sailsinc.org](mailto:lfuller@sailsinc.org).

For kids, the Scrambled Word will return in January, changing every Monday. There will also be a Snowman Seek and Find in the building. Completing either of these activities earns you a prize from the treasure chest.

If you're interested in helping out the Library with fundraising, activities and events, come see what the Friends of the Library are all about. They will be meeting at 6:30 pm Thursday **January 4** to wrap-up the Holiday

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# TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



## MARION

### Log highlights Dec 24-Dec 30

- Joanne Dr – Health/welfare
- Creek Rd – 911 abandoned
- Wareham Rd – Suspicious MV
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Indian Cove Rd – EMS/medical
- Point Rd – Follow up investigation
- Mill St - Fraud
- Wareham Rd – General service
- Benson Brook Rd – 911 abandoned
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Village Dr – Paper service
- Point Rd – Animal control
- Mill St - Fraud
- Village Dr – Paper service
- Front St – Smoke investigation
- Main St – Missing person
- Converse Rd – Health/welfare
- South St – Parking enforcement
- County Rd – Suspicious activity
- Moorings Rd – Suspicious activity
- Mill St – Road hazard
- Point Rd – Larceny/past
- Delano Rd – Found property
- Rezendes Ter – EMS/medical
- Water St – Follow up investigation
- Crapo St – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Allen St – Vandalism/past

## MATTAPOISETT

### Log highlights Dec 24-Dec 30

- Mendell Rd – Open door
- North St – Animal control
- Jane Ln – 911 abandoned
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- Crook's Way – 911 call
- Baker Ln – Medical assist
- County Rd – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Vandalism
- County Rd – MV crash
- I195 West – Assist citizen
- Marion Rd – General service
- Hammond St – Animal control
- County Rd - Threats
- Brandt Island Rd – Suspicious persons
- County Rd - Threats
- Ridgewood Rd – Health/welfare
- Main St – Animal control
- Cove St – Harassment service
- County Rd – MV crash
- Fairhaven Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Angelica Ave – 911 call
- Brandt Island Rd – Health/welfare
- Brandt Island Rd – Missing person
- Lynfield Ln – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – Follow up investigation
- Aucoot Rd – General service
- Deep Woods Dr – Domestic
- Lynfield Ln – MV violations

## ROCHESTER

### Log highlights Dec 24-Dec 30

- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Robinson Rd – Message delivery
- Cranberry Hwy - Disturbance
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- Cushman Rd – Suspicious activity
- Forbes Rd – Erratic MV
- Dexter Ln – Well being check
- Vaughn Hill Rd – MV collision
- Robinson Rd – MV collision
- Pine St – Animal control
- Braley Hill Rd – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – Carbon dioxide alarm
- Walnut Plain Rd – Civil complaint
- Hartley Rd – General services
- Marys Pond Rd – Suspicious activity
- Williams Way - Investigation
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Braley Hill Rd – MV stop/towed
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd – General services
- Braley Hill Rd – Animal control
- Snipatuit Rd – General services
- Rounseville Rd – Road hazard
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- County Rd – MV stop/arrest
- New Bedford Rd – Road hazard
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – General services

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).



## REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

### COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

**Monday, Jan 8:** Sweet & sour chicken meatballs, bowtie pasta, oriental vegetables, dinner roll, peaches

**Tuesday, Jan 9:** Portuguese chicken, yellow rice, mixed vegetables, multigrain roll, applesauce

**Wednesday, Jan 10:** Tossed salad w/dressing, Salisbury steak, Yukon potatoes, oatmeal roll, pears

**Thursday, Jan 11:** Roast turkey w/gravy, mashed potatoes, winter squash, whole wheat bread, chocolate chip cookie, diet: sugar-free cookie

**Friday, Jan 12:** Seafood Newburg, egg noodles, green beans, white bread, pineapple

### CENTER SCHOOL

**Monday, Jan 8:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

**Tuesday, Jan 9:** Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Jan 10:** Whole

grain waffles, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, cheese stick

**Thursday, Jan 11:** Chicken lo mein, oriental vegetables, fortune cookie

**Friday, Jan 12:** Cheese pizza, steamed broccoli, roasted chic peas

### OLD HAMMONDTOWN

**Monday, Jan 8:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

**Tuesday, Jan 9:** Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Jan 10:** Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, cheese stick

**Thursday, Jan 11:** Chicken lo mein, oriental vegetables, fortune cookie

**Friday, Jan 12:** Cheese pizza, steamed broccoli, roasted chic peas

### OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

**Monday, Jan 8:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

**Tuesday, Jan 9:** Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Jan 10:** Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, cheese stick

**Thursday, Jan 11:** Chicken lo mein, oriental vegetables, fortune cookie

**Friday, Jan 12:** Hot buffalo chicken dip served with whole grain tortilla chips, fresh veggie sticks

### ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

**Monday, Jan 8:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

**Tuesday, Jan 9:** Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Jan 10:** Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, cheese stick

**Thursday, Jan 11:** Chicken lo mein, oriental vegetables, fortune cookie

**Friday, Jan 12:** Cheese pizza, steamed broccoli, roasted chic peas

### SIPPICAN SCHOOL

**Monday, Jan 8:** Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

**Tuesday, Jan 9:** Taco Tuesday: soft shell tacos, brown rice, taco toppings bar, black bean salad

**Wednesday, Jan 10:** Whole grain waffles, maple syrup, low salt sausage patty, cheese stick

**Thursday, Jan 11:** Chicken lo mein, oriental vegetables, fortune cookie

**Friday, Jan 12:** Cheese pizza, steamed broccoli, roasted chic peas

### OLD COLONY REGIONAL

**Monday, Jan 8:** Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & biscuit

**Tuesday, Jan 9:** Mini corn dogs, fries & baked beans

**Wednesday, Jan 10:** Chicken broccoli Alfredo & garlic bread

**Thursday, Jan 11:** Loaded buffalo chicken, tator tots or shredded buffalo chicken sandwich & fries

**Friday, Jan 12:** Assorted pizza



Auction, as well as discuss plans for upcoming spring fundraising opportunities, including a book sale and a clothing drive.

The Board of Library Trustees is meeting at 6:30 pm Monday, **January 8**. This meeting is open to the public and the agenda is posted here: [www.townofrochestermass.com/node/425/agenda](http://www.townofrochestermass.com/node/425/agenda).

And don't forget about our selection of Zoo and Museum Passes, offering you free or discounted admission to seven attractions in the area. Our newest pass is for the Trustees of Reservations Properties, offering admission to trails, preserves and historic properties across the State.

Questions? Please call 508-763-8600 or email [info@plumblibrary.com](mailto:info@plumblibrary.com). As always, we hope to see you soon at the Library.

### Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The Library will have a delayed opening on Tuesday, **January 9** to facilitate an all-staff safety training. The library will reopen from 2:30-8 pm.

One Up Games presents a playable history of video games on Saturday **January 20** from 12 to 3 at the Marion Music Hall. Learn about the evolution of video game consoles by playing retro & modern games. A great time for all the gamers in the family.

Storytimes for all ages, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library, visit us at [www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org](http://www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org) or call us at 508-748-1252.

### From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

It's interesting to read the minutes of the early meetings of the Rochester Historical Society. In those days, the meetings were held at the homes of the members and donated items were also by necessity stored in their homes. This could lead to storage issues as one member found when she agreed to temporarily store

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53 Hairy TV cousin  
56 "Science Friday" airer  
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63 Songwriter Carmichael  
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67 Large-scale public show  
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71 How money may be lost  
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77 "One Mic" rapper

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80 On the nose  
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94 DVR remote abbr.  
95 Cain, to Eve  
96 Hair-raising sites?  
97 "Is that so?"  
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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) The new year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them, but also to deal with what happens afterward.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. Meanwhile, a partner offers loving support.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're conflicted about a decision that you know you'll have to make in the new year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitments.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for this new year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is still advised. Investigate before you invest.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You can make this new year a roaring success by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. In addition, your den-mate offers both wise and loving support.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) The New Year brings new opportunities for change, but you need to be ready to move on from the comfortable status quo toward the challenging unknown. It's all up to you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your most important New Year's resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continuing misunderstandings. Do it soon for both of your sakes.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) The new year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpion, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You'll have many fine opportunities in the new year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The new year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time until you've built up your self-confidence.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Travel is a dominant aspect of the new year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but they will soon go along with them.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a gift for making people feel safe and protected. You would make an excellent youth counselor.

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some mannequins from the closing Star Store at her home. From the minutes, it sounds as though they were on their way to becoming family members until her husband finally dismantled (or maybe it's dismembered) them so they would fit in their attic.

As you can imagine, the members were constantly looking for a suitable building to become their museum. Many possibilities are mentioned in the minutes, but none pan out until in 2003, the East Rochester Congregational Church was offered to the Society. With a dwindling congregation, they could no longer sustain the building so for \$1.00, the building became the Rochester Historical Museum.

The Rochester Historical Society has always felt a responsibility to maintain the upstairs as it was left to us, but it has also become our museum and a place where we can set up exhibits and display items of historical interest. In the intervening years, one of our members, Betty Beaulieu, did the hard work of getting the building put on the Registry of Historic Buildings.

Old buildings are hard to maintain, and it won't be long before ours will need a new paint job, but we are able to keep the doors open and the lights on thanks to all our members and everyone who has helped us out this year in many different ways. Membership dues, yard sale donations and purchases, donations left after programs, purchases of our items for sale in the gift shop, generous donations that appear in our mailbox and grants from the Rochester Cultural Council all help us continue with our mission to preserve and share Rochester history.

This year has been another busy one of well attended meetings with subjects that included bees, the history of the Balzarini family at Mary's Pond, an inside look at Artisan Bakeshop with some delicious macrons, music with Tom and Sheila Perry followed by ice cream, and the history of surveying and maps with Charlie Rowley. In addition, there was the Thankful Supper, another potluck and a wonderful Holiday Organ Sing. I want to take a minute to thank all those who generously donated to our organ fund.

Around these events we also had a yard sale, an open house for our updated exhibit, a cemetery tour of the cemetery in the center of town and a Mini- Fair with a Historic flair. This went so well; we're planning a bigger, better historic fair for 2024.

I want to thank *The Wanderer* for providing us with a way to get the news out about our activities. As always, the Museum is open by appointment. Contact info is on the library website. We hope to see you at our first meeting of 2024. It will be **April 17** at 7:00 pm.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year from the Rochester Historical Society.

## January Events in the Mattapoissett Children's Room

As the New Year unfolds, get ready for exciting

new events and the comeback of your favorite activities at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library Children's Room.

On Wednesday, **January 10** at 11 am, join us as we explore mindfulness with our littles. Mindfulness is beneficial for children as it helps them develop self-awareness, emotional regulation, and the ability to stay present in the moment. At this program, we will do some simple mindfulness exercises, read a story, and play a game. Recommended for ages 3 and up. Registration is required.

On Thursday, **January 11** at 3:30 pm, a community favorite returns, the no-sew pillow. This year we will be creating a No-Sew Snowman Pillow. Join us for this simple craft, recommended for ages 5 and up. Registration is required.

Our story times will restart with the return of Winter Storytime and the start of a new Baby Storytime. Winter Storytime for all ages will take place on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am, starting on Thursday, **January 18**. Baby Storytime for ages 0 to 24 months will take place on Friday mornings at 10:30 am, starting on Friday, **January 19**. No registration required.

Our Graphic Novel Book Club will take place on Friday, **January 19** at 3:30 pm, and they will be discussing Ghost Book by Remy Lai. Books are available at the library prior to the event. Recommended for ages 9 and up. Registration is required.

Students in grades 3 to 6 are invited to register for our annual Quahog Book Award program starting on Tuesday, **January 9**. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon.

All programs are free and open to the public. If you have any questions, concerns, or need any special accommodations, please contact Michelle Skaar at [mskaar@sailsinc.org](mailto:mskaar@sailsinc.org) or by calling the library.

## New Year Classes at the Marion Art Center

Instructor Lisa Elliott will teach a new session of Weaving on a Rigid Heddle Loom on Sunday afternoons from 1:00-3:30 pm in the MAC Studio, **January 7-February 4**. Have you ever wanted to try weaving but not sure where to begin? In five short weeks, you can learn a

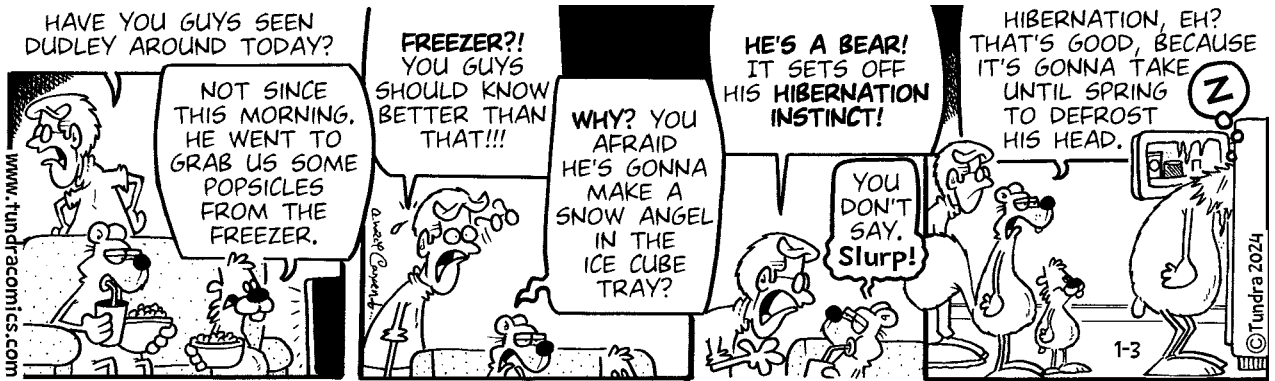
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new fiber skill and take home your very first woven project. Students will weave one of the following: a scarf, table runner, set of placemats, or set of tea towels. Looms and weaving equipment are provided for a \$10 fee, but students can provide their own loom. Students will provide their own yarns. The cost is \$150 for MAC members and \$160 for nonmembers, and the class is limited to six students. Register at [marionartcenter.org/adult-classes](http://marionartcenter.org/adult-classes).

Two new eight week sessions of All Levels Watercolor Painting for Adults starts on **January 18 and 19**. Instructor Jay Ryan will teach a two-hour class on Thursday mornings from 10 am-12 pm, and he will offer a three-hour eight week course on Friday mornings from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. The cost for the Thursday class is \$195 for MAC members and \$225 for nonmembers, while the Friday class costs \$295 for MAC members and \$325 for nonmembers. Each class has a one-day drop-in option (\$30 for Thursday, \$45 for Friday) for those who can't commit to the entire session or would like to get in some extra studio time with the instructor. Learn more and register online at [marionartcenter.org/adult-classes](http://marionartcenter.org/adult-classes).

Registration is open for the winter session of MAC Dance Academy. Instructor Tess Hedblom and Program leader Teah Keogh will offer a 5-week winter session with Preschool and Beginner classes (ages 3-8) beginning **January 8**. The cost is \$105 for MAC members and \$120 for nonmembers. The 10-week spring session begins **March 4** and costs \$205 for MAC members and \$235 for nonmembers. The age group for the spring

session may be extended to include an intermediate class. All classes meet for half an hour on Monday afternoons. MAC Dance Academy is a low-key, low-cost dance program geared toward girls and boys ages 3+. To learn more, see the full schedule for both sessions, and to register, visit [marionartcenter.org/mac-dance-academy](http://marionartcenter.org/mac-dance-academy).

### Chuck's Fantasia - Artwork by Chuck McIntyre

From the neuro-divergent mind of Mattapoisett resident Chuck McIntyre comes an exhibit called Chuck's Fantasia. It can be viewed at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library through **January 31**. Chuck considers himself an



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# OBITUARIES



**Michael J. Kauranen**, 78, of Rochester, died Monday, December 25, 2023 at his home in Rochester after a long illness. He was the husband of Patricia (Stowe) Kauranen. They had been married for 60 years.

Born in Cambridge, England, he was the son of the late Joyce (Chandler) and Uno N. Kauranen. Mr. Kauranen was a union carpenter and a member of New England Carpenters Local # 346 in Weymouth. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam war from 1962 to 1965.

Mr. Kauranen enjoyed fishing, hunting, and camping, but most importantly spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Kauranen of Rochester; his children, Terri Vroom and her husband Charles of Wareham; Kerri Correia of Rochester, Michael J. Kauranen, Jr. and his wife Melissa of Wareham and Mark Kauranen and his wife Michelle of New Bedford; his siblings, Maureen Rounds, Kevin Kauranen and Robert Grassi all of Wareham. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, the late Sherri Ashley.

Relatives and friends were invited to visit on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at Chapman Funerals & Cremations – Wareham, 2599 Cranberry Hwy. (Rt. 28), Wareham. A funeral service followed. Interment will be at a later date.

To leave a message of condolence visit: [www.chapmanfuneral.com](http://www.chapmanfuneral.com)

**Leslie Marion (Pendexter) Perrone**, 63, of Simsbury, CT, beloved wife of Jerome Frank Perrone, Jr., died Sunday, December 17, 2023 at Hartford Hospital. She was born October 11, 1960 in New York City, daughter of the late John Fowler and Karla Marion (Dougan) Pendexter and had lived in Mattapoisett, MA for many years prior to moving to Simsbury, CT 12 years ago. Leslie was a graduate of Darien CT High School, Colorado College, Class of 1982 and the University of Oregon, Class of 1992, having received a Master of Fine Arts Degree. Mrs. Perrone was an English Teacher in CT and MA for many years. She was a member of a local Writing Club and wrote "The Amethyst Sisters: Reflections on Life" published in 2023 and had enjoyed family time, swimming, travel, skiing, kayaking, fishing and the beach.

In addition to her loving husband of 23 years, she is survived by her son, Nathaniel J. Perrone and brother Geoffrey Pendexter and wife Elizabeth of North Hampton, NH, and brother Jay Pendexter and wife Venessa of Framingham, MA.

Calling hours will be held at the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury, CT on Saturday, January 13th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. A reception will follow the visitation. Please visit Leslie's Book of Memories

at [www.vincentfuneralhome.com](http://www.vincentfuneralhome.com) for online tributes.



**Alan O. Stickles**, of Marion, MA & Venice, FL, passed away on December 18, 2023. He was the loving husband of Jocelyn M. Stickles whom he was happily married for over 63 years. Born in Springfield, MA, he was predeceased by his parents, Homer and Ethel Stickles of West Hartford, CT and his brother Homer (Bud) Stickles of East Hartford, CT and Edgartown, MA.

He is survived by his wife Jocelyn Stickles of Marion, MA and Venice FL, his sons Robert (Allison Vibert) of Marion, MA, Richard (Jayne Neville) of Port Charlotte, FL, five Grandchildren Sarah Tuetken (David) of North Smithfield, RI, Holly Weeden (Evan) of Mattapoisett, MA, Robert Stickles II (Elisabeth) of Plymouth, MA, Taylor Stickles of St. Petersburg, FL, and Jillian Stickles of Hamden, CT; three great grandchildren Hadlee, Thomas and Madeline.

He attended the University of Connecticut where he was an active member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, and Class Treasurer of his graduating class of 1959. After completing his military service in the army, he joined the Travelers Insurance Company group Sales Department completing a distinguished thirty-three-year sales management career. In 1993 he established the independent brokerage firm, Stickles Insurance Agency, which his son Robert continues to own and operate.

Al was very active in the Communities he lived in. He was a past Commodore and long-time member of The Beverly Yacht Club serving on many committees and as an active racer. As an avid golfer, he was a member of The Kittansett Club participating in numerous tournaments and as part of the "Wobblers" group. He was also a member of the Pelican Pointe Club in Venice, FL and enjoyed playing golf with friends and mixed tournaments with his wife. Lastly, he was a long-term member of Bay Colony Associates enjoying the many friendships he made.

Al had a great sense of humor, was quick-witted, making his friends smile often. His smile resonated to everyone he met. No matter if it was his nephews, nieces, grandchildren or the neighborhood kids, Al always seemed to be at the epi center of fun.

He loved spending time with his family, never missing his son's hockey, baseball and football games in the younger years and was never happier than when he was with his family. He loved all outdoor activities including playing tennis and golf with Jocey, as well as racing his Bullseye at the Beverly Yacht Club with his 2 sons. Al & Jocey enjoyed a wonderful life together, traveling with friends to numerous destinations, never turning down social events or cocktail

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### Great Decisions Program

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is offering their Great Decisions 2024 Program. The program begins on **January 17**, the third Wednesday for eight consecutive weeks, ending Wednesday **March 6**. The program meets from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at The Mattapoisett Public Free Library, on 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA, downstairs in the Community Room. Please enter at the side door where there is accessibility with an elevator. The topics are very current and full of global affairs based on international issues. We watch a 20-minute DVD session that corresponds with the reading.

Some of the topics include US & China trade rivalry, Climate Technology and competition and NATO's future.

The program is open to all community members on a first-come basis. The Zoom platform is also available.

To register: Please send a check for \$40.00, Mattapoisett Woman's Club, Box 1444, Mattapoisett MA 02739, Attn: Treasurer (memo on check Great Decisions.) On a separate paper, please print your Name, Address,

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### Mariner Youth Soccer

The Mariner Youth Soccer Association's Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, **January 30** at 7:00 pm at the Fairhaven Council on Aging located at 229 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven.

All members are welcome to attend. Any questions should be addressed to: Angela Dawicki, Secretary, [angela@marineryouthsoccer.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:angela@marineryouthsoccer.onmicrosoft.com)

### Call for Entries - Winter Members' Show

The Marion Art Center announces a call for entries for its annual Winter Members' Show. All MAC members are invited to enter up to two pieces each. All works must be original, must have been executed by the artist within the last five years, and must not have been previously shown at the Marion Art Center. The MAC will not exhibit works that are in poor condition (including frame) or are not properly prepared for installation.

To exhibit, members should drop off artwork to the MAC at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion, on Saturday, **January 6** between 10 am-2 pm or Tuesday, **January 9** between 10 am-4 pm. Artists can download and print the consignment agreement ahead of time, found online



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# OBITUARIES

parties, often being the life of the party. It was a life well lived, and he will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Community Nurse Home Care, 62 Center Street Fairhaven, Ma 02719.

Baldwin Brothers of Venice is honored to serve the Stickles family.



**Mary (Weldon) Doherty**, 80, of Marion died Thursday, December 28th, 2023 after a period of declining health due to Parkinson's disease. She was born in Mineola, New York on January 26th, 1943 and grew up in Norwalk, CT. She was the cherished daughter of the late Francis J. and Marion (O'Reilly) Weldon. She attended Lauralton Hall in Milford, CT and graduated from Marymount College in Tarrytown, NY. She spent her junior year at the London School

of Economics. After college she lived and worked in New York City where she met her husband. They moved to Marion, MA after the birth of their sons. She was the devoted wife of William J. Doherty of Marion, MA and the loving mother of William J. Doherty Jr. of Fairhaven, MA and Joseph Burke and his wife, Jaime, of Dedham, MA. She was the loving grandmother of William, Jake, and Madison Doherty.

For 26 years, Mary served as the Chief Financial Officer for the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences in Plymouth, MA. Mary was thoughtful, gracious, and kind; she was often referred to as an angel on earth. She was ever so

curious and inquisitive; asking questions and intently listening to those around her. She lived vicariously through the stories and adventures of those she knew well and those she just met. She loved nothing more than spending time with her extended and loving family and friends.

Mary is survived by her husband, children, and grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings: Francis J. Weldon and his wife Patricia, William Weldon and his wife Betty, Patricia Buchbinder and her husband Paul, Ann Tracz and her husband Ron, and Eileen Smith and her husband Dave, as well as many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, January 4th from 4 - 7 pm at Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals at 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett, MA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 am on Friday, January 5th at St. Rita's Church at 121 Front Street, Marion, MA. Interment for family will be at Evergreen Cemetery, Marion, MA. A light luncheon will follow at the Marion Music Hall at 164 Front Street, Marion, MA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gleason Family YMCA in Wareham, MA where Mary was fortunate to be able to participate in multiple Parkinson's related programs. For directions and guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).

*If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at [office@wanderer.com](mailto:office@wanderer.com).*

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<p><b>TOWN OF MARION PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>To be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street Also Available via Remote meeting Option</p> <p>The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 7:05 pm to consider the request of Sippican Holdings LLC for a Special Permit pursuant to the Code of the Town of Marion Section 230-7.2 General Requirements and Section 230-4.2 Table of Principal Uses (C. Service Uses) (General Service Establishment) to allow a self-storage facility (General Service Establishment).</p> <p>The property is located at 13 Barnabas Road, Marion MA and is further identified on Marion Assessor's Map as Plat 24, Lot 10B, zoned Limited Industrial.</p> <p>The public is invited to attend and comment on this matter and may inspect the full text</p>	<p>at the Town House, 2 Spring Street, Office of the Planning Board or Town Clerk during normal business hours. Please email Terri Santos for the remote participation information: <a href="mailto:tsantos@marionma.gov">tsantos@marionma.gov</a> during normal business hours.</p> <p>Tucker Burr, Chair Andrew Daniel, Vice-Chair 12/28, 1/4</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER SOIL BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Soil Board will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room, 1 Constitution Way, in Rochester regarding a Soil Removal Permit Application received from Sidney J. Pires Jr., for property located off County Road in Rochester, MA 02770, further identified on Assessor's Map 17, Lot 11. The applicant proposes stripping/stumping of an estimate of 3,000 +/- yardage.</p> <p>The application and associated submit-</p>	<p>tal documents are available for review at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday, and 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Friday. Rick Charon, Chairman 12/28, 1/4</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PUBLIC NOTICE</b></p> <p>The Town of Mattapoisett is requesting quotes from qualified contractors for installation of a new emergency generator at the Mattapoisett Housing Authority. The Request for Quotes may be obtained by contacting Jessica Fortin Munroe at (508) 998-5700 or <a href="mailto:jessica_fortin@g-g-d.com">jessica_fortin@g-g-d.com</a>, plans will be available January 3, 2024 at 9:00 am. All Bids must be received by the Town at 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett MA 02739 no later than until 2:00 pm, January 24, 2024. The Town of Mattapoisett reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality, and to make the award as may be in the best interest of the Town. 1/4</p> <p>-----</p>

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at [marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit](http://marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit). Anyone wishing to participate who is not yet a member can join the MAC online at [marionartcenter.org/join](http://marionartcenter.org/join). To request an email copy of the contract or submit questions, email [info@marionartcenter.org](mailto:info@marionartcenter.org). Show Dates are **January 13 – February 23**, with an opening reception scheduled on Saturday, **January 13** from 3- 5 pm.

### MAC Theater Auditions - Arsenic & Old Lace

The Marion Art Center announces open auditions for the classic *Arsenic & Old Lace* on Saturday, **January 6**, 10:00 am-12:00 pm and Sunday, **January 7**, 12:00-2:00 pm. The play, written by Joseph Kesserling, will be directed by Donn Tyler. There are nine performance dates scheduled **March 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24**. Evening shows begin at 7:30 pm, while Sunday matinees begin at 2:00 pm.


Synopsis: Drama critic Mortimer Brewster's engagement announcement is upended when he discovers a corpse in his elderly aunt's window seat. Mortimer rushes to tell Abby and Martha before they stumble upon the body themselves, only to learn that the two old women aren't just aware of the dead man in their parlor, they killed him. Between his aunt's penchant for poisoning wine, a brother who thinks he's Teddy Roosevelt and another brother using plastic surgery to hide from the police — not to mention Mortimer's own hesitancy about marriage — it'll be a miracle if Mortimer makes it to his wedding. *Arsenic and Old Lace* is a classic black comedy about the only thing more deadly than poison: family.

View all character details and more information, and download sides (script samples), online at [marionartcenter.org/auditions](http://marionartcenter.org/auditions). Questions can be addressed to [tyler.donn@gmail.com](mailto:tyler.donn@gmail.com).

### Intro to Acting & Theatre Workshops at the MAC

The Marion Art Center with Watermelon Alligator Theatre Company, and Instructors Garrett Olson and Jess Wilson, present a series of theater workshops including a free informational session on Saturday, **January 20**. Cost for each session is \$40 for MAC members and \$50 for nonmembers, and those enrolling in all three paid sessions receive 10% off registration. The fourth and final session is free and open to all. A foul weather date is February 10. See all details and register online at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events). Attend any or all of the following workshops:

Session One, 10 am-12 pm, Theatre Tips and Tricks: You Want to be in the Theatre but Not on Stage: Do you love theatre, but hate the spotlight? There are lots of ways to be involved besides appearing on stage. In this 2-hour informative workshop, you will have a relaxed and casual conversation with experienced theatre professionals. From box office and front of house staff to backstage crew, from designers to marketers to



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Session Two, 1 pm-3 pm, Theatre Tips and Tricks: You Think You Want to Try Acting: Have you dreamed of being in front of the camera, up on stage or standing in the spotlight? Not sure where to begin? In this 2 hour informative workshop you will get a very basic overview of the first steps, from theatre terms and the difference between stage and film acting to how to get started with headshots, monologues, best audition practices, stage etiquette and self-care. This workshop will be an informative and casual conversation with professional working actors. Join us for an introductory look at

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CASE #819

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 25, 2024 in the conference room of the Marion Police Station, 550 Mill Street, on the application of Planting Island 25 West Avenue LLC, represented by David M. Davignon, P.E., for a Special Permit under sections 230-6.1A and 230-6.1C of the zoning by-law to allow the construction of a single-family dwelling to replace the existing non-conforming dwelling, which will decrease the current non-conformities but increase the building area and volume, as allowed under section 230-7.1, 230-7.2 and 230-7.3.

The property, located at 25 West Avenue, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 3 as Lot 35.  
Cynthia Callow, Chairperson 1/4, 1/11

### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91

Waterways License Application Number 23-WW01-0065-APP

Lisa A. Mueller Trust Declaration

NOTIFICATION DATE: January 10, 2024

Public notice is hereby given of the waterways application by Lisa A. Mueller Trust Declaration to construct and maintain a pier, ramp and float at 89 Mattapoisett Neck Road, in the municipality of Mattapoisett, in and over flowed tidelands of Mattapoisett Harbor. The proposed project has been determined to be water-dependent.

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Project plans and documents for the Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically at: <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicApp/> (enter the project address in the Search Page as the Location Address). If you need assistance, please contact Carlos.fragata@mass.gov

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Written comments must be addressed to: Carlos T. B. Fragata, Environmental Analyst, DEP Waterways Regulation Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. 1/4

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WATERWAYS REGULATION PROGRAM  
Notice of License Application Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91  
Waterways License Application Number 23-WW01-0136-APP  
Robert Glenn Seiple Trust

NOTIFICATION DATE: January 10, 2024

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Acting in an advisory manner, the committee will assist the Select Board in matters related to the municipal cemeteries Barlow and Hammond.

They will advise and assist in the coordination of memorial bricks and benches. New forms are available for the purchase of memorial bricks from Town Hall, the Library, or the Council on Aging.

They are also seeking information for the future recognition of all veterans, either buried or interned in Mattapoisett. The committee is working with the Sons of the American Revolution to establish a commemorative plaque naming those Patriots.

Expanding on the identification of all Veterans' graves, if you have information that can assist the committee, please contact Chairman Ray Hanks through the Select Board's office.

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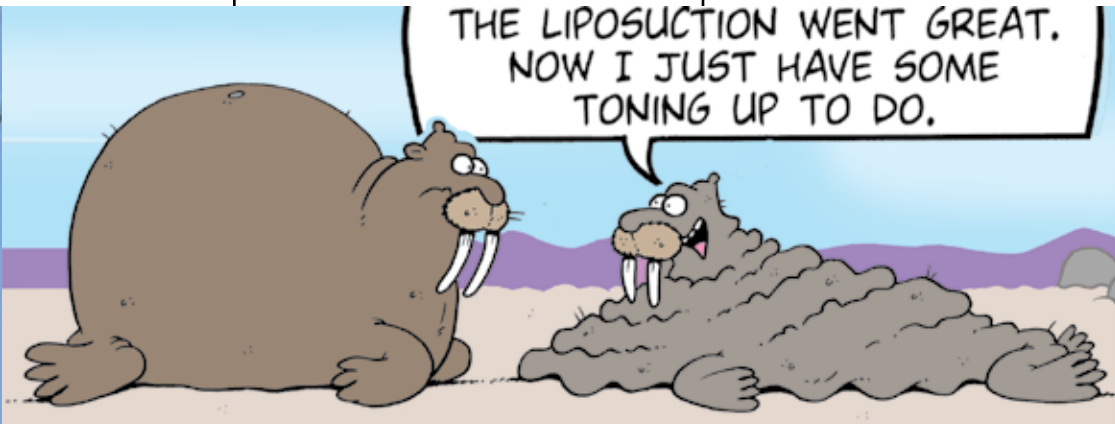


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from Depot Street into the Park Street neighborhood and over to Marion. We've pledged a \$50,000 contribution as the local match to a \$200,000 MassTrails Grant which will finalize design for Phase 2A so that construction funding for a "shovel ready" project can be requested. We're ¼ of the way to our goal using the funds raised by the 2023 Tour de Crème. A generous donor is matching all contributions up to \$2500.

Hopefully, people have read about the significant progress on the Marion Pathway. Friends' funding match of the last mile in Mattapoisett will keep the safe connection to Marion moving forward without pauses, creating protected road crossings of Route 6 and North Street. Learn more at our website [www.mattapoisetttrail.org](http://www.mattapoisetttrail.org).

Contributions to the Friends can be mailed to PO Box 1336, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 or made through GoFundMe. All funds received will be used to support the completion of the path and path amenities. Thank you.

### George's Pony Pasture Stone Wall Restoration

The Rochester Land Trust has launched a fundraising campaign to restore the stone walls at "George's Pony Pasture" on Mattapoisett Road. The campaign has raised \$16,000 so far, \$8000 from Land Trust members and another \$8000 from an anonymous donor who offered to match every dollar raised, up to \$10,000. Masons began work on the wall this past weekend and will continue through November, weather permitting.

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Entries are due in The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett by noon on January 22.

Remember, all artwork should be tall to best fit on our cover.

All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form which can be picked up at The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett or downloaded at [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com)

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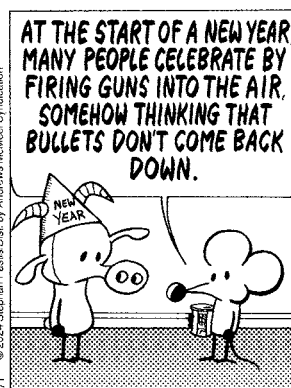
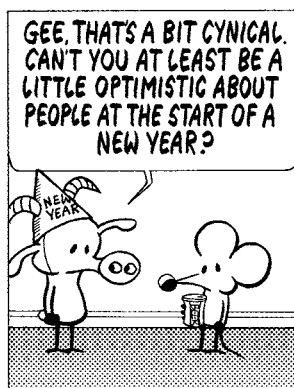
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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



town legend George Church, whose pony often grazed in the field beyond the wall. George passed away in 2014 at the age of 90. The Rochester Land Trust acquired three properties from George by virtue of "bargain sales", where land is purchased for less than market value. All three properties offer the iconic landscapes that are indicative of the rural character that the Land Trust seeks to preserve. While only three acres in size, George's Pony Pasture has over 1,000 feet of road frontage, bounded by dry field stone walls front and back.

Russ Keeler, Treasurer at the RLT, opined "not only does this project enhance Rochester's rural character and honor George Church himself, but it also honors the now forgotten craftsmen who originally built this wall. It boggles the mind to consider the amount of effort expended to clear the field and build this wall, especially before the age of mechanized equipment. We are heartened by and grateful for the close to 50 townspeople who have supported this project so far."

It is not too late to support this project. "It is unrealistic to think we can fix the entire wall, front and back, but the more money we raise, the more of it will be restored", said Keeler. Contributions may be made to the RLT at PO Box 337, Rochester, MA 02770, or by using the PayPal link on their website at [www.rochesterlandtrust.org](http://www.rochesterlandtrust.org).

### BBAHFH Seeking Land

The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity is currently seeking partnerships to secure low-cost land for their next home. A local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, BBAHFH mission is 'building homes, communities and hope'. BBAHFH was first established in 1996 and serves the nine communities of Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham and Westport.

Explains Executive Director Christine Lacourse, "We are currently looking for land in our territory that is a suitable spot to build a house or duplex. Ideally, the land will be donated to BBAHFH by an individual, group or even a governmental entity. The Westport Housing Trust purchased a parcel of undeveloped land and sold it to Habitat for \$1,000 for our most recent build. We can also build on city lots and rehab existing homes as well."

Ideally, the lot meets local zoning requirements, has at least 7,000 to 10,000 square feet of area, and access to amenities such as water, sewer and utilities. If no sewer is available, the lot must be able to accommodate a private septic system and needs to have minimal constraints, such as wetlands, ledge or contamination.



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Since Habitat for Humanity is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, land donations are tax deductible per IRS code. In addition to substantial tax deductions, donors can benefit from shedding unwanted taxable property and can feel good about helping families in need of housing that is affordable. Homes are built with volunteer labor and donations of land, money and materials, as well as a minimum of 300 sweat equity hours that the Habitat family invests into building their own home.

Recipients of a Habitat house must be able to demonstrate a true need for adequate shelter, have the ability to pay a low-interest mortgage, show proof of U.S. citizenship or permanent residence status and reside or work in the affiliate's territory.

"One reason donors love our organization is because Habitat for Humanity provides a hand up, not a handout," remarked Lacourse.

Owning a home has the potential to provide opportunities for success for families, especially for the next generation. By obtaining a home, the family has healthier surroundings and a greater sense of stability. Living in a home, children often make better grades and stay in school longer. Some further their education and grow in their careers because they have gained confidence due to the responsibility of owning a home. A new cycle begins, and it all starts with a home. Families with low-income need home ownership opportunities that are affordable to provide a healthy, stable environment for their family.

For more information on donating or volunteering, visit [www.buzzardsbayhabitat.org](http://www.buzzardsbayhabitat.org), email Christine Lacourse at [BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com](mailto:BuzzardsBayAreaHabitat@yahoo.com), or call (508) 758-4517.

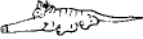
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Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Sawang, Noppawan	Kalkanis, Demetrios T	37 Brant Beach Ave	Mattapoisett	12/14/2023	410,000.00
Rebello, Liza J Wolff, Matthew	Love, Jessica Erin	1 Tucker Ln	Marion	12/15/2023	715,400.00
McCullough, Christian Bichsel, Michael	Bowes, Michael J	8 Channel St	Mattapoisett	12/18/2023	180,000.00
Lyman, Matthew	Long Built Homes Inc	14 Bowman Rd	Mattapoisett	12/19/2023	823,375.00



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Local Tides					
Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	January 4	1:22	1:29	7:24	7:22
Friday	January 5	2:07	2:19	8:40	8:17
Saturday	January 6	2:58	3:18	9:45	9:13
Sunday	January 7	3:57	4:22	10:37	10:06
Monday	January 8	4:55	5:21	11:25	10:57
Tuesday	January 9	5:49	6:13		11:46
Wednesday	January 10	6:39	7:03	12:01	12:59
Thursday	January 11	7:27	7:52	12:36	1:47
Friday	January 12	8:16	8:41	1:29	2:33
Saturday	January 13	9:06	9:32	2:21	3:15
Sunday	January 14	9:56	10:25	3:13	3:56
Monday	January 15	10:49	11:20	4:05	4:37
Tuesday	January 16	11:44		5:00	5:21
Wednesday	January 17	12:17	12:39	6:10	6:11
Thursday	January 18	1:14	1:36	8:01	7:10
Friday	January 19	2:13	2:37	9:31	8:16
Saturday	January 20	3:17	3:43	10:36	9:22
Sunday	January 21	4:24	4:48	11:29	10:20
Phases of the Moon		New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Last Quarter		January 11th January 17th January 25th February 2nd	



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the December 28, 2023 edition the Aardvark was on page 13

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Tread 2. Route;  
3. Label; 4. Shape

Today's Word

LOSER

Sudoku Answer

8	3	9	1	7	2	6	5	4
6	5	2	4	8	3	9	1	7
7	1	4	6	5	9	3	2	8
4	9	8	5	1	6	7	3	2
1	7	5	2	3	4	8	6	9
3	2	6	8	9	7	5	4	1
2	8	7	3	4	5	1	9	6
5	4	1	9	6	8	2	7	3
9	6	3	7	2	1	4	8	5

THE GOOD NEWS IS YOU'VE LOST A LOT OF WATER WEIGHT...



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